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ACQ-2009-0530-RFP (Supply, Install, Maintain a Toll Collection System)
ACQ-2009-0515-RFP (Establish and Operate a Statewide Customer Service Center)

## Notice of Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) Activities Related to Tolling

The Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) of the Washington State Legislature has recently commissioned a Toll Operations Costs Expert Review Panel (Expert Review Panel) with the following objective:

"...the joint transportation committee will convene an independent expert review panel to review the assumptions for toll operations costs used by the department to model financial plans for tolled facilities..."

The "independent expert review" will review and analyze WSDOT practices and proposals for toll operations and cost control practices and incentives. The panel will make findings and recommendations to the JTC to inform the legislative process on possible actions in regards to existing and future toll operations within the state. The findings and recommendations of the Expert Review Panel are intended to directly and immediately influence WSDOT tolling operations, project delivery processes, and planning that will be concurrently on-going; as well as legislative policy and budget processes.

For more information about past, current, and future activities of the JTC and/or its Expert Review Panel, visit the JTC website at: <a href="http://www.leg.wa.gov/jtc">http://www.leg.wa.gov/jtc</a>. In the section of that website that describes JTC Meetings, you will find links to information and handouts that have been presented to the committee, including the Expert Review Panel's questions on current procurements and WSDOT's responses once they become available. You can also watch JTC meetings by visiting this site: <a href="http://www.tvw.org">http://www.tvw.org</a>.

WSDOT is providing this notice FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.

The JTC and its Expert Review Panel are separate entities and any discussions, opinions, recommendations, or publications of the JTC or its Expert Review Panel do not represent those of WSDOT. In addition, any information provided to the JTC or its Expert Review Panel by WSDOT should not be relied upon by vendors unless and until that information is provided in an amendment to an RFP by WSDOT.

If changes are made to the requirements contained in WSDOT's Request For Proposals (RFPs) **ACQ-2009-0530-RFP** or **ACQ-2009-0515-RFP** as a result of discussions, opinions, recommendations, or publications of the JTC or its Expert Review Panel, WSDOT will issue those changes to these RFPs by amendment only and post them on the WSDOT website.

WSDOT reserves the right to change the project description, scope, schedule, and any other parameters of these RFPs at any time without further notice. All information regarding these RFPs will be made available at <a href="http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Business/Contracts/default.htm">http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Business/Contracts/default.htm</a>. Contact Tami Grant at <a href="mailto:grantt@wsdot.wa.gov">grantt@wsdot.wa.gov</a> to register to receive any future emails regarding RFP ACQ-2009-0515-RFP.